

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

2. Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the distribution of information from an information provider processor to a plurality of recipient processors on a communications network, based on the geographic locations of the recipient processors ~~the method comprising:~~ associating, each recipient processor being associated with a respective positioning system with each respective recipient processor means for providing a position signal, the position signal including location data corresponding to the location or region in which the means for providing the position signal is located, the method comprising:

~~receiving location information~~ a request for content from the positioning system associated with a given recipient processor, the location information corresponding to the general geographic location of the given recipient processor;

~~determining, from the location information, whether the geographic location of the given recipient processor is within a predefined location or region;~~

~~requiring additional information before providing the given recipient processor with access to first information in the event that the given recipient processor is determined to be within the predefined location or region~~ the requested content in combination with access controls from the information provider, the access controls configured to inhibit access by a recipient processor, in the event that the recipient processor is not located in at least one expected location;

wherein the given recipient processor is controlled to obtain a position signal from its associated means for providing a position signal and to employ the location data in a procedure with the access controls to attempt to access the requested content.

2. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein receiving ~~location information~~ a user code and a request for content comprises receiving ~~location information~~ a user code and a request for content over the network by the provider processor and ~~determining associating~~ determining associating, by the provider processor, ~~whether the geographic location of the given recipient processor is within a predefined location or region~~ the received user code with at least one expected location of the given recipient processor in a table.

9.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a user code from a given recipient processor; and
associating the received user code with at least one expected location of the given recipient processor;

wherein the access controls are configured to inhibit access by a recipient processor, in the event that the recipient processor is not located in the at least one expected location associated with the received user code.

20. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:
providing the given recipient processor with the requested content in combination with access controls comprises encrypting at least a portion of the requested content; and
the given recipient processor is controlled to decrypt the encrypted portion of the requested content with a decryption routine that employs the location data.

21. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:
~~providing the given recipient processor with the requested content in combination with~~
access controls comprises encrypting at least a portion of the requested content with an encryption technique for which the expected user location is part of the decryption key or decryption process; and

the procedure to attempt to access the requested content comprises employing the location data to obtain a decryption key, and using the decryption key for attempting to decrypt the encrypted portion of the requested content.

22. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein:

providing the given recipient processor with the requested content in combination with access controls comprises providing a shell, wrapper or tag with the requested content, wherein the shell, wrapper or tag includes information corresponding to the at least one expected location of the given recipient processor; and

the given recipient processor is controlled to inhibit access to the requested content unless the location data included in the obtained position signal corresponds to at least one expected location information included in the shell, wrapper or tag.

23. (New) A method as recited in claim 22, wherein the at least one expected location comprises a plurality of separate expected locations and wherein the given recipient processor is controlled to inhibit access to the requested content unless the location data included in the obtained position signal corresponds to one of the plurality of separate expected locations.

24. (New) A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising receiving at least one further request for content from the given recipient processor and providing the given recipient processor with the further requested content in combination with a shell, wrapper or tag that includes information corresponding to the at least one expected location of the given recipient processor; and

the given recipient processor is controlled to inhibit access to each further requested content unless the location data included in the obtained position signal corresponds to at least one expected location information included in the shell, wrapper or tag.

25. (New) A method as recited in claim 24, wherein the at least one expected location comprises a plurality of separate expected locations and wherein the given recipient processor is controlled to inhibit access to the further requested content unless the location data included in the obtained position signal corresponds to one of the plurality of separate expected locations.

26. (New) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one expected location comprises a plurality of separate expected locations and wherein the given recipient processor is controlled to inhibit access to the requested content unless the location data included in the obtained position signal corresponds to one of the plurality of separate expected locations.

27. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, further comprising assigning the user code to a user of the given recipient processor in a registration process, wherein the registration process comprises receiving geographic information for at least one geographic location corresponding to at least one expected location of the given recipient processor.

28. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, further comprising assigning the user code to a user of the given recipient processor in a registration process, wherein the registration process comprises receiving geographic information for a plurality of geographic locations corresponding to a plurality of expected locations of the given recipient processor.

29. (New) A method as recited in claim 28, wherein the registration process further comprises verifying that the one or more geographic locations corresponds to the user, including at least one of looking up the user in a telephone directory and receiving verifying data from the user.

30. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user code comprises at least a portion of an address at which data corresponding to the expected user location is stored and wherein associating the received user code with at least one expected location of the given

recipient processor comprises accessing data at the address of which the user code comprises at least a portion.

31. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user code comprises data recorded on a portable, machine readable card or token.

32. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user code comprises an encrypted form of a pre-registered geographic location of the user.

33. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user code comprises a table entry having a corresponding table entry that may be employed to identify the at least one expected location.

34. (New) A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the user code comprises a table entry having a corresponding table entry that may be employed to identify a plurality of expected locations.

35. (New) A method for controlling the distribution of information from an information provider processor to a plurality of recipient processors on a communications network, based on the geographic locations of the recipient processors, the method comprising:

associating a respective means for providing a position signal with each respective recipient processor, the position signal including location data corresponding to the location or region in which the means for providing the position signal is located;

receiving a request for content from a given recipient processor;

providing the given recipient processor with the requested content in combination with access controls from the information provider, the access controls configured to inhibit access by the recipient processor, in the event that the recipient processor is not located in the at least one expected location;

controlling the given recipient processor to obtain a position signal from its associated means for providing a position signal; and

controlling the given recipient processor to employ the location data in a procedure with the access controls to attempt to access the requested content.

36. (New) A method as recited in claim 35, further comprising:
receiving a user code from a given recipient processor; and
associating the received user code with at least one expected location of the given recipient processor;

wherein the access controls are configured to inhibit access by a recipient processor, in the event that the recipient processor is not located in the at least one expected location associated with the received user code.

37. (New) A method as recited in claim 36, wherein the means for providing a position signal comprises a satellite-signal positioning system, a user input device, or a machine-readable storage media on which position information is pre-stored.

38. (New) A system for controlling the distribution of information to a plurality of recipient processors on a communications network, based on the geographic locations of the recipient processors, each recipient processor being associated with a respective means for providing a position signal, the position signal including data corresponding to the location or region in which the means for providing the position signal is located, the system comprising:

an information provider processor coupled to the communications network to receive a user code and request for content from a given recipient processor; and

control programming associated with the provider processor for controlling the provider processor to associate a received user code with at least one expected location of the given recipient processor and provide the given recipient processor with the requested content in combination with access controls from the information provider, the access controls configured

to inhibit access by a recipient processor, in the event that the recipient processor is not located in the at least one expected location;

wherein the given recipient processor is controlled to obtain a position signal from its associated means for providing a position signal and to employ the location data in a procedure with the access controls to attempt to access the requested content.

39. (New) A system as recited in claim 38, further comprising programming associated with the given recipient processor for controlling the given recipient processor to obtain a position signal from its associated means for providing a position signal, and controlling the given recipient processor to employ the location data in a procedure with the access controls to attempt to access the requested content.

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